

Tattersall's Club Newsletter



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Investigation of the proposals for the development of the Club's building as outlined in our March newsletter are proceeding rapidly. A full report, incorporating the recommendations of the building sub-committee, will be made at the Annual General Meeting to be held at the Club on Wednesday, 12th June, 1985 at 6.00 p.m. In view of the importance of the proposed project and the manner in which it might affect the future of our Club, my committee is hopeful that there will be a huge roll up at that Meeting. Hence, will you please note the above date in your diaries now.

I am delighted to announce that The Honourable R.J.L. Hawke, A.C., M.P., Prime Minister of Australia, accompanied by Mrs Hawke, will be the Guest of Honour at our annual Sydney Cup Dinner. To the best of my knowledge, it is the first time we have been honoured by a visit from the Australian Prime Minister.

Following the success of the re-vamped luncheon menu on the second floor, an entirely new menu will shortly be in operation in the main Dining Room. Because a high level of patronage in the Dining Room is so important to the club, I urge you to try the new menu and let us have the benefit of your views. Please also let us know if you have a particular favourite dish which you would like included on the menu.

The inadvertent error in our last issue notwithstanding, there is absolutely no truth in the rumour that Messrs Jim Bell and Jim Fleming have swapped Chairs of their respective Clubs. How lucky we are in New South Wales to have such progressive leadership in our racing. As we go to press the Sydney Turf Club has just concluded another magnificent Golden Slipper Festival and we wish the Australian Jockey Club well as it commences what promises to be a super Autumn Carnival.

Regards,

TONY McSWEENEY

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A.S. Block

HANDBALL
P. Ashby

BOWLING CLUB
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A. Fudge

BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER
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R.C.B. Scott
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SKI CLUB
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PICUREAN CLUB
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SNOOKER

Thirty enthusiastic members gathered on 21st March for the second Pairs Tournament organised by the Committee.

A great evening was had by all participants and many close matches were the order of the evening.

In the final, Bill Henneberry and John Hoyle defeated Bruce Cox and David Casben in a very close contest. Bill has now won three tournaments recently, and his skill has benefitted tremendously from the tuition and efforts of Paddy Morgan.

Paddy is going to England to play in the World Snooker Championship and members wished him loads of success and a safe return, and made a suitable presentation.

GOLF NOTES

The 1985 season gets under way on Tuesday 16th April 1985, at the New South Wales Golf Club, La Perouse. This is a golf course that presents those who play it with a challenge on every hole, the more so if the winds are from the south.

Those wishing to play should contact Joanne Grimbale at the Club's office on 264 6111. Tee-off times are between 11 and 1 o'clock. The cost of the day (green fees, competition fees and trophies) is only \$18.00 per player. New members are always welcome.

It is taking some time to finalise details of the programme for the rest of the year but all should be ready for inclusion in the next issue.

EPICUREAN CORNER

The dinner and theatre night to "Run For Your Wives" was an outstanding success with one hundred members and friends assembling in the dining room before heading down to the Theatre Royal. We all agreed the play lived up to reviews and provided delightful entertainment.

The next big showbiz spectacular is "CATS", due to hit Sydney early in August. Epicureans have arranged tickets to "Cats" for four dates:

Thursday, 8th August

Thursday, 15th August

Thursday, 22nd August

Thursday, 19th September

The charge for dinner and "Cats" will be \$45.00 per person. Members with their guests wishing to attend are advised to book early to avoid disappointment. By the way, as the Club will have to pay the theatre two months in advance for the tickets to "Cats", members' house accounts will be debited with the costs in June.

Members who wish to have advance notice of theatre parties and other activities arranged by the Epicureans are urged to add their name to the Epicurean mailing list. Speak to Joanne Grimbale in the office about it.

HANDBALL NOTES

The 1985 Handball Championships are planned for June and July. Entries will be required for the three grades, the Championship and B and C grades. The Committee will organise the draws, seedings and also arrange for a panel of referees. Arthur O'Connor, as usual, will drive you mad getting you onto the courts.

With over two months to the Championship there is plenty of time to arrange practice games to get to a peak in time for these events and, of course, the John Barnes Handicap Doubles on Friday, 12th April provides another opportunity with hard fought matches worthy of the quality of the trophies presented.

Our Club's history is studded with the names of some superb handballers. Great players such as Sammy Block, George McGilvray, Eddie Davis, Bruce Galea and Michael O'Dea spring to mind. The question is who will be our champions of 1985? Handballers all, BE IN IT!

SWIMMING CLUB

Keen finishes were the order in Club swimming during February. First class efforts were recorded by John and David Fuller and John and Paul De Mestre. However, smiling Bruce Chiene scored a well deserved 35 points to pip Arthur Carney, 32 and Harold Hooper, 29.

The racing was of a high standard and had onlookers on their toes endeavouring to judge whether it was a dead heat or won by a whisker. While no panic was reported from other floors the roar was tremendous when John Fuller and Paul De Mestre won their respective events.

We now have four family groups with three or more members regularly competing in our swimming events. They are David, John and Paul De Mestre, Malcolm, John and David Fuller, Doug, Tony and Gordon Salier and Norman, Greg, Ron and Neil Rogers.

Nice to have Sir Talbot Duckmanton cruising up and down the pool again. He seems to be in fine fettle too. Popular Tom Magney has undergone heart surgery. Latest reports are that he is making a good recovery and we hope it is not too long before he is seen again on the third floor.

RESULTS

12.2.85 80 yds B Race Relay B. Chiene and A. Carney.
14.2.85 Col Tidy 80 yds Hcp, 1st Final J. Nicholas, **2nd Final** D. Castle, **3rd Final** D. Robinson, **4th Final** J. Barrell, **5th Final** A. Barrell, **6th Final** B. Chiene, **7th Final** R. Farrell, **8th Final** A. Carney. **19.2.85 40 yds Hcp, 1st Final** A. Barrell, **2nd Final** B. Chiene and H. Hooper, **Dead Heat**. **21.2.85 40 yds Hcp, 1st Final** J. Barker, **2nd Final** L. Foley, **3rd Final** J. Murray, **4th Final** D. Fuller, **5th Final** W. Meakes, **6th Final** A. Carney, **7th Final** A. Barrell, **8th Final** B. Chiene and H. Hooper, **Dead Heat**. **26.2.85, 80 yds B Race Relay** J. McCosker, R. Farrell. **80 yds Hcp, 1st Final** J. Barker, **2nd Final** G. Wilson, **3rd Final** D. Robinson, **4th Final** J. Nicholas and J. De Mestre, **Dead Heat**, **5th Final** D. Fuller, **6th Final** M. McCosker, **7th Final** H. Hooper. **5.3.85 40 yds Hcp, 1st Final** T. Forrest, **2nd Final** J. McCosker. **7.3.85 Col Tidy 80 yds Hcp, 1st Final** H. Hooper, **2nd Final** C. Gunson, **3rd Final** G. McCormack, **4th Final** A. Barrell, **5th Final** A. Salier, **6th Final** R. Miller, **7th Final** P. De Mestre.

February Point Score B. Chiene 35, A. Carney 32, Hooper 29, A. Barrell 28, T. Forrest 28, W. Debney 22, J. Nicholas 22, R. Farrell 21.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Contrary to the expectations of some members who have suggested that repairs to the Athletic Department may not be completed before 1986, the Committee wishes to assure members that all facilities now are available and operating.

The works undertaken were of some magnitude. Firstly, a new filtration system was installed for the pool and the whole area painted and new poolside furniture installed. The old showers and mentholated steam room have been gutted and rebuilt. The gymnasium has been relocated and the area repainted. The handball courts and table tennis areas have been refurbished as has the sauna room. More lockers have been installed, new swimmers purchased. George and his team of specialist masseurs are on the job too. To summarise, the department is right up to scratch and now provides facilities second to none.

All members are encouraged to avail themselves of the department and they are welcome to join in the activities of the swimming and handball clubs which meet regularly within the precincts.

SKI CLUB NOTES

With summer nearly over, skiers are beginning to look towards the Southern Alps hoping for a repeat of the 1981 season, which provided such perfect snow conditions for the Tattersalls' ski weeks at Roslyn and Werruna Lodges.

The 1985 season will commence with the successful family and friends week at Roslyn Lodge in Thredbo from Saturday June 29th to Saturday July 6th. This has always been a great week even in the years of less than good skiing conditions. The cost for bed and breakfast is \$195 per person for the week. Catering and other arrangements are advised in the normal newsletter to ski club members.

The men's week at Werruna will be from Saturday July 20th to Saturday July 27th. This week is well renowned for its high standard of cuisine, fellowship and fun. The success in 1984 of having a "hired hand" to assist with the after dinner chores will again be repeated and extended to include the after breakfast chores. This arrangement will allow even more time for skiing or relaxing. The cost per person will be \$280.

Bookings for each of these weeks are open at Tattersalls' office and as always are on a first come basis. Don't be left out in the cold - book early and be in the fun at Thredbo or Perisher.

Tattersall's HAIRDRESSER "Carl"

the new barber, is waiting to
attend your needs.
He's very experienced
(ex-David Jones and Farmers).

BOWLS

Tattersalls' Nominated Teams Day at Double Bay on February 28th was an excellent day. We wish to thank those who accepted our invitations and helped to make it such a successful gala day. Some ninety players took part filling both greens, reminiscent of former gala days so successfully organised by Gordon Booth and others.

The final match of the day over three ends was a thriller. Laurie Taylor, President of City Tattersalls' with his team, skipped by jovial Pat Bourke, with a single shot each end won the Tattersalls' offering from Kensington's team skipped by President John Gittoes. Good bowls by all!

To see over eighty on the verandah at Double Bay on a Thursday was something. In fact, secretary Bill Davey and his staff were hard pressed to keep up with us. Many thanks to President Alan Ritchie and his team of helpers, especially Bill Munro and Russ Bailey who all contributed much to the success of the day.

"Flicka" Williams and Alice send hellos and happy memories to all. Flicka is unable to play these days but "the pale selector" wishes the team good bowling and a successful visit to Queensland for the Interstate matches. Good bowling.

Draw for the Great Public Schools Old Boys Lawn Bowls Competition:

Inter schools matches commence Sunday May 5th, 1pm Warringah Bowling Club.

Round 1: Sunday May 5th, Warringah - NC v SHS, SCEGS v SJC, TKS v SIC, SGS v TSC.

Round 2: June 2nd, City - NC v TSC, SCEGS v SHS, TKS v SGS, SJC v SIC.

Round 3: July 14th, Victoria Park - NC v SJC, SCEGS v SGS, TKS v TSC, SHS v SIC.

Round 4: August 11th, Moore Park - NC v SGS, SCEGS v SIC, TKS v SHS, TSC v SJC.

Round 5: September 8th, Chatswood - NC v TKS, SCEGS v TSC, SHS v SJC, SGS v SIC.

Round 6: October 13th, Double Bay - NC v SCEGS, SIC v TSC, TKS v SJC, SHS v SGS.

Round 7: November, Drummoyne - NC v SIC, SCEGS v TKS, TSC v SHS, SGS v SJC.

Competition fees, \$3 per player. Representatives names of players to be in by 1pm. Contact Alan Morant on 371 5713.

TRADING HOURS

LOUNGE:

Monday-Thursday: Noon-11.30 pm
Friday: Noon-Midnight
Saturday: 5 pm-Midnight

DINING ROOM:

Dinner: Monday-Thursday: 6 pm-8.30 pm
Friday-Saturday: 6 pm-9.30 pm
(Dinner Dance Saturday)
Luncheon: Monday-Friday 12.00-2.30 pm

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT:

Monday to Saturday: 7 am-7 pm
Saturday: 9 am-6 pm (Boys all ages)
BUFFET: Monday-Friday: 10 am-4 pm

SECOND FLOOR BAR:

Monday-Thursday: 12.00-8.00 pm
Friday: 12.00-11.00 pm

BILLIARDS:

Monday-Friday: 10 am-11.30 pm
(Card Room facilities available)
(Members Only)

MAIN BAR:

Monday-Thursday: 11.30 am-7.00 pm
Friday: 11.30 am-8.00 pm

SAFE DEPOSIT:

Monday-Friday: 9 am-4.30 pm

SETTLING:

Monday: 11.30 am-1.00 pm
(Tuesday following holiday meeting)
Telephone: 264 6111

LADIES:

Ladies Fourth Floor only from 3.00 pm
Monday-Friday • 5.00 pm Saturday

SUMMER DRESS:

Before 6.00 pm Safari Suits are permitted in the Club with or without collar and tie and with short or long sleeves.
After 6.00 pm Safari Suits are permitted in the Club with short or long sleeves and with shirt, tie and long pants.



TATTERSALL'S CLUB HISTORY

Publication of the Club History is now nearing completion and it is expected that this volume will be made available to members shortly.

Distribution will mainly be by direct mail to members with a charge to the appropriate monthly account. In the event that a member does not wish to purchase a copy, the volume may be returned to the Club within 14 days and a credit will be issued.

The History has been compiled by the author Mr Joe Andersen after research through Club records, newspaper filings, library records and personal accounts from many sources. It covers the period from 1858 to 1983.

The early days of horse racing and gambling in New South Wales provides a rich and colourful history of the early establishment of our Club. Indeed there are many sections of this History which will be of great interest to members, covering both the social and sporting interests of our times.

The History records some famous personalities prominent in the turf, swimming, billiards and snooker, golf and the early days of cricket. Some of these world famed personalities were members of the Club, others were visitors.

This is a publication that members will be pleased to purchase and treasure for their bookshelf.